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Assistant Director for Operations

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Acting Chief, FBIB

Air Force "Treasure Island" Project

**REFERENCES:** a. Memorandum, dated 25 June 1948, to Assistant Director for Operations from Chief, FBIB, subject: Authority to Implement Study of Proposed Activities of Special Reports Division

b. Section II of memorandum, dated 15 June 1948, to Chief, FBIB, from Chief, Special Reports Division, subject: Recommended Expansion and Improvement of Special Reports Division Functions, attached as appendix 1 to reference a.

1. In reply to your memorandum, dated 20 August 1948, subject as above, the proposed Treasure Island project is considered an excellent example of the type of special report as recommended in reference b above by the Chief, Special Reports Division, FBIB.

2. Detailed work involved in accepting action on the Treasure Island project cannot be undertaken by the FBIB Special Reports Division on a continuing basis covering a variety of intelligence categories without an increase in personnel.

3. It is estimated that an increase of four professional analysts and three clerk-typists would be initially required.

4. It is felt that it would be feasible to undertake this project with unclassified personnel since it would not be absolutely essential for them to have access to classified material. However, it is felt that better work could be accomplished if the personnel engaged on this project had access to relevant classified material.

5. If this project is to be undertaken by unclassified personnel assigned to a pool, it is recommended that security clearance be initiated at the earliest practicable date.

Enclosure  
Study "Treasure Island"

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